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When Mrs. Elsie Lincoln Benedict, the nationally famed Montrose girl, was in Seattle recently giving her course in Human Analysis, she was welcomed by larger crowds than greeted President Wilson when he visited Washington, and she was given a splendid ovation. This report comes direct from Seattle to the Press, and people in Seattle who had the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Benedict lecture, pronounce her a most wonderful woman and say everyone in Seattle is talking about her.

Her personality is marvelous, and the wonderful ideas she brings out in her lectures of human life and how to stay young has made everyone enthusiastic about her wherever she has appeared. It is said that in two weeks in Seattle Mrs. Benedict cleared from her lectures, above all expenses \$10,000.

Montrose is justly proud of this young woman, who is interesting the whole country today.

While in Seattle Mrs. Benedict had the pleasing experience of meeting and renewing acquaintance with two of her girlhood chums from Montrose, Mrs. G. C. Grecorin, formerly Miss Myrtle Goodrich, and Mrs. J. A. Hess, formerly Miss Bertha Markley, who of course were more than delighted to meet their girlhood friend. The Post Intelligencer gives the following item concerning a social affair given in Mrs. Benedict's honor while she was in Seattle:

Nearly every day for the past fortnight has seen more and more of the prominent club and organizations meeting for their last annual sessions. With varied ceremonies these have been notable affairs. Yesterday the members of the Woman's Commercial Club entertained at luncheon at the Washington Annex, for which 83 covers were arranged about an "L" shaped table, bountifully decorated with fragrant garden roses of all hues, gracefully arranged in baskets set at intervals along the long board. Words of welcome were given by Mrs. Jessie M. Lightfoot, who introduced the honor guest of the afternoon, Mrs. Elsie Benedict and the charming members of her staff, Mrs. C. G. Grecoran, president of the Hellenic Club and an officer of the Commercial Club, Mrs. H. A. M. Bonnar, president of the Seattle Federation of Woman's Clubs, and Mrs. Walter A. Burleigh of the Seattle public library. It was a doubly interesting occasion, as Mrs. Grecorian, Mrs. Bertha Hess, another member of the club, and Mrs. Benedict had been childhood playmates and had met in Seattle for the first time in fifteen years. Mrs. Grecorian spoke briefly of her early remembrance of Mrs. Benedict, paying her many pretty tributes, to which Mrs. Hess made additional expression and presented her with a beautiful basket of columbines the state flower of Colorado, in memory of past happy days in the small town of Montrose.

Mrs. Benedict in her usual inspiring way spoke of her pleasant days in Seattle and gave in the absence of the men the women some sound advice on keeping young; divulging some secrets as to prolonging life and defying age and gave some high lights on worry, which she called a distinctly American disease for one to avoid.

Mrs. Bonnar urged the organization to become affiliated with the federation, saying "that united service of club women made broader and stronger organizations." Mrs. Burleigh spoke in behalf of the fund that the American Library Association embracing 4,000 trained librarians as mem-

bers is endeavoring to raise to buy books for the blind, among whom are returned soldiers in great numbers, for farmers and for Americanization work among the ever increasing crowds of foreigners coming to America. The meeting closed with short talks from the individuals on the Benedict staff.